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SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF WATER TRANSPORT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to develop water transport system between Kolkata and Patna for transporting cargo to Nepal;

(b) if so, the amount of investment proposed in this regard; and

(c) the details of the plan formulated for the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) There is no specific proposal for development of Kolkata-Patna sector for transportation of cargo to Nepal. The stretch from Kolkata-Patna, however, is a part of River Ganga, which has been declared as National Waterway from Haldia to Allahabad. Basic infrastructure facilities such as navigable channel, navigational aids and terminals are being provided by Inland Waterways Authority of India in a phased manner to facilitate inland water transport system on this waterway.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.